

What is claimed is:

1. A method for protection against stroke, comprising the steps of:  
inserting a distal end of a catheter into a carotid artery;  
locating a first expandable member within a common carotid artery;  
5 locating a second expandable member within an external carotid artery;  
and  
expanding the first expandable member to occlude the common carotid  
artery.